

personalities and their love of the arts, but their shared experiences of social oppression and their dreams of a better future for their people. Though free, famous, with powerful friends, living in the world of Russian aristocracy, neither seemed able to forget his past, the plight of his people.

Those who wrote about their friendship noted that they often sang together. Aldridge greatly appreciated the sorrowful and melodic Ukrainian songs that captured the unfortunate plight of the people of Ukraine. Shevchenko, in turn, loved the songs of the Negro South, no doubt to great extent for the same reasons.

When Aldridge returned to England, he took with him a portrait of Shevchenko by a Russian artist. Aldridge returned to Russia several years later but by then Shevchenko had passed away. Between 1861 and 1866, Aldridge made several tours of the tsarist empire including three trips to Ukraine, to Shevchenko's homeland, trips that had been denied to the great poet, artist, and patriot. Ira Aldridge never returned to the United States, however, he did live to know of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and the end of the Civil War.

Both of these men, historic giants in their artistic fields and in their messages about the struggles of mankind for dignity and the perseverance of individuals, died on foreign soil far from their homelands. Aldridge's body remains in Poland. Eventually, Shevchenko's body was returned to Ukraine from Russia. Their unique friendship remains a story for the ages; it is fitting that among the monuments to their lives and contributions there are the two in Washington, DC, just two and a half miles apart. A friendship that brought them together thousands of miles from here, eventually finds them in the capital of Aldridge's native land, respected and honored, with Shevchenko's question still unanswered: when will Ukraine get its "new and righteous law?"

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2011 DALE CITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY AWARDS

##### HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2011*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the recipients of the 2011 Dale City Civic Association Community Awards.

The Dale City Civic Association was founded in 1967. Citizens formed the organization to give a voice to community initiatives and collective action in Dale City. Today, the organization's purpose is to represent the interests of the residents of Dale City in a manner that benefits the entire community. Members do this with robust beautification efforts, land use advocacy and volunteer responses to community needs.

The Association hosts an annual awards banquet to honor individuals and organizations that show an exceptional devotion to their community and public service. It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the recipients of the 2011 Dale City Civic Association Community Awards:

High School Teacher of the Year: Major William Brannen.

Middle School Teacher of the Year: Amy Crotty.

Elementary School Teacher of the Year: Terri Faulkner.

John D. Jenkins Youth Citizen of the Year: Alexis Simpson.

Youth Environmental and Conservation Scholarship: Shaila Bills.

Kathie Feeney Nurse of the Year: Gail D. Russell.

Prince William County Police Department, Police Officer of the Year: Officer Dave Endrizzi.

Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Officer of the Year: Captain Linda Wortham.

Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Emergency Medical Service Provider of the Year: Sergeant. Dennis Oden.

Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Firefighter of the Year: Firefighter Tinashe Banda.

Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Cadet of the Year: Michael Cajayon.

Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, Emergency Medical Service Provider of the Year: Lieutenant Chris Eddy.

Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, Firefighter of the Year: Technician I Andrew Marsh.

Deputy Sheriff of the Year: Deputy Timothy Angels, Master Deputy Wayland Thompson.

Catherine Spellane Citizen of the Year: Susan Canfield.

Kathleen K. Seefeldt Community Service Award: Timothy J. Rupert.

Ernestine S. Jenkins Lifetime Volunteer Award: Lillian Garland.

Business of the Year: DEP Copying and Printing Center.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the winners of the 2011 Dale City Civic Association Community Awards for their dedication to building and maintaining a healthy community. Each recipient has made an impact on Dale City, and with these awards we hope to show them that their contributions have not gone unnoticed.

#### A TRIBUTE TO DR. ANA MARIA GRACE, 29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2011

##### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2011*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the accomplishments made by our nation's most distinguished women during the month of March.

Today, I pay tribute to Dr. Ana Maria Grace of South Pasadena. As a physician, Dr. Grace has dedicated her career to helping individuals and patients in need, in addition to assisting them in attaining a better understanding of various medical conditions.

Dr. Grace discovered her passion for helping others at an early age. Upon receiving a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry from California State University, Fullerton, she went on to attend medical school at the University of Wisconsin. Ana completed her residency at the University of Southern California and the University of Arizona.

Currently, Dr. Grace is an attending physician at two locations. She works in the Cecilia Gonzalez De La Hoya Cancer Center at White

Memorial Medical Center, WMMC, and at the Radiation Oncology Services at Albert C. Mak, M.D., Inc. In addition to being a dedicated physician, Ana simultaneously has various roles within her profession. She is currently a member of the WMMC Cancer Committee, serving as the committee's chairperson since 2008, and Director of WMMC's Cancer Center.

Dr. Grace's primary focus has been senior citizens and the Spanish speaking population. As a committee member of WMMC's Senior Center, Dr. Grace has helped with setting outreach and service goals which have included making presentations to senior citizens regarding cancer awareness, screening and prevention. With her Spanish speaking skills, Dr. Grace has also been able to communicate medical information about common malignancies to the public, with the ultimate goal of reducing the risk for cancer and emphasizing early diagnosis. On Spanish news stations such as Univision, Telemundo, and Azteca Dr. Grace has discussed various topics such as cancer awareness, and the effects of second-hand smoking.

The list of Dr. Grace's public presentations is impressive. Since 2005, in addition to appearing on television interviews, Ana has lectured at nursing homes and at health fairs where she has spoken about lung cancer, breast cancer, and colon cancer awareness and prevention. Dr. Grace also holds professional society memberships with the Los Angeles Radiological Society, American Medical Association, and Glendale Adventist Medical Center Cancer Committee, among others.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Dr. Ana Maria Grace, for her exceptional service to the community.

#### 2011 BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK

##### HON. JON RUNYAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2011*

Mr. RUNYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Brain Awareness Week (BAW) and the benefits of this informative week in educating students on brain science in my congressional district and across the country. Brain Awareness Week, launched in 1996, brings together the Society for Neuroscience, the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives and 2400 other organizations in 76 countries which share a common goal of improving public awareness of brain and nervous system research.

During Brain Awareness Week, which is being held March 14–20, neuroscientists around the world educate K–12 students, senior citizens and the public at large on the wonders of the human brain. These activities include tours of neuroscience laboratories, museum exhibitions and classroom discussions on elements of the human brain. In my congressional district, Shawnee High School in Medford Township will recognize Brain Awareness Week during their 6th annual Brain Day on March 24. High school students enrolled in the psychology course will be displaying interactive exhibits and explaining functions of the brain to their community. Today, in recognition